

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 42 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Belz et al (United States Patent 6,980,552).

Page 3 of the Office Action indicated that the remaining claims 20 to 22, 34 to 40, 43, and 45 are allowed.

As indicated in the preceding listing of claims, rejected claim 42 has been cancelled, and rejected claim 44 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 43.

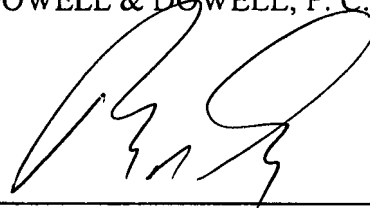
With this amendment to claim 44, it is believed that claim 44 is allowable, since it now depends from an allowed claim.

The present application now contains only allowed claims 20 to 22, 34 to 40, 43, and 45, and claim 44 which depends from allowed claim 43. It is therefore believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action to this effect is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any remaining issues to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone so as to most expeditiously resolve such issues. Applicant specifically wishes to note that the claim amendments present in the preceding listing of claims should not be interpreted as any form of admission that the former claims are unpatentable. All claim amendments were intended solely to advance the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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